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In re application of:

Janssens et al.

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Oxide Synthase Gene

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from December 30, 1998 to March 30, 1999 by the filing of this

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$870.00 for a three-month extension for a large entiity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 24061. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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